



8 December 2024

AM

Building a Disciple-Making Church

Second Sunday of Advent – Peace

Holy Communion Sunday

9 to 10.30 am

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS TO WORSHIP GOD

Entry of the Word

Prelude

WE PRAISE GOD

Call to Worship

*Hymn of Praise & Adoration Blessed Be the God of Israel (page 6)

WE SEEK GOD

Prayer of Confession & Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

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Sermon

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WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION

Sacrament of Holy Communion

WE SERVE GOD IN HIS WORLD

Welcome & Announcements

Offertory

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Doxology**

***Benediction**

***Three-Fold Amen**

Postlude

***Congregation to stand**

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:46-56

⁴⁶ And Mary said:

“My soul glorifies the Lord

⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

⁴⁸ for he has been mindful

of the humble state of his servant.

From now on all generations will call me blessed,

⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me—
holy is his name.

⁵⁰ His mercy extends to those who fear him,
from generation to generation.

⁵¹ He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;
he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

⁵² He has brought down rulers from their thrones
but has lifted up the humble.

⁵³ He has filled the hungry with good things
but has sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel,
remembering to be merciful

⁵⁵ to Abraham and his descendants forever,
just as he promised our ancestors.”

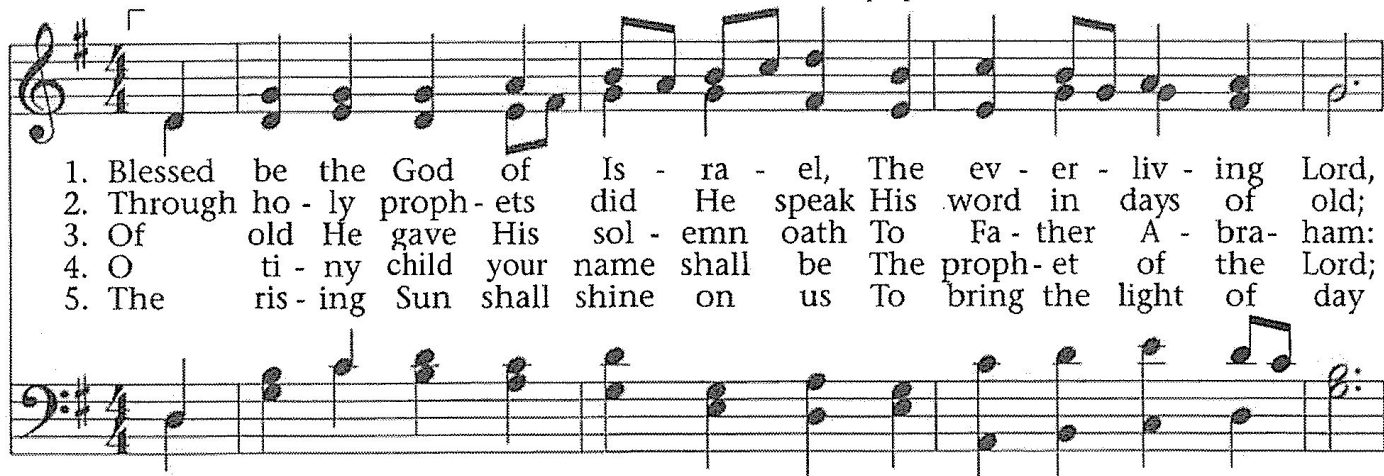
⁵⁶ Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned home.

Hymn of Praise & Adoration (AM)

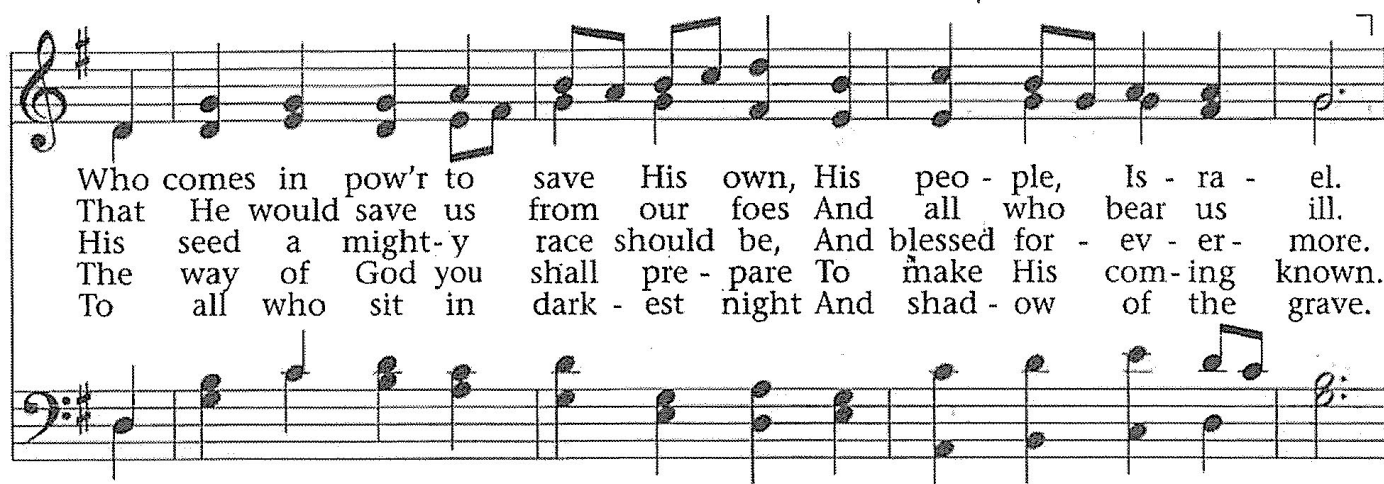
Blessed Be the God of Israel

Praise be to the Lord ... because he ... has redeemed his people — Luke 1:68 NIV

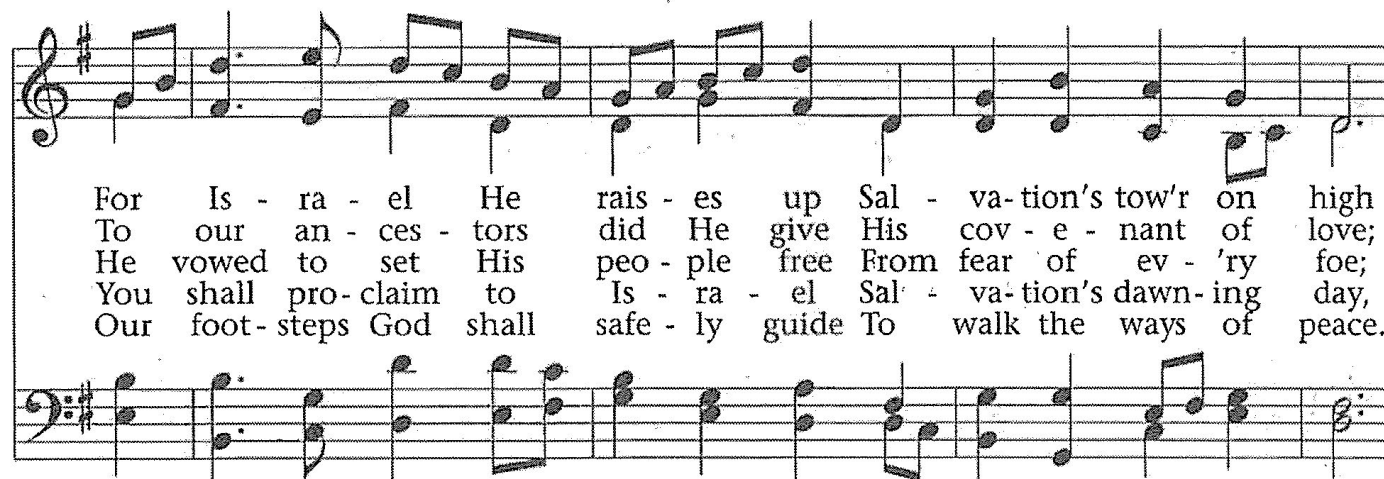
Words by James Quinn SJ.
Traditional English melody,
arr by Ralph Vaughan Williams.



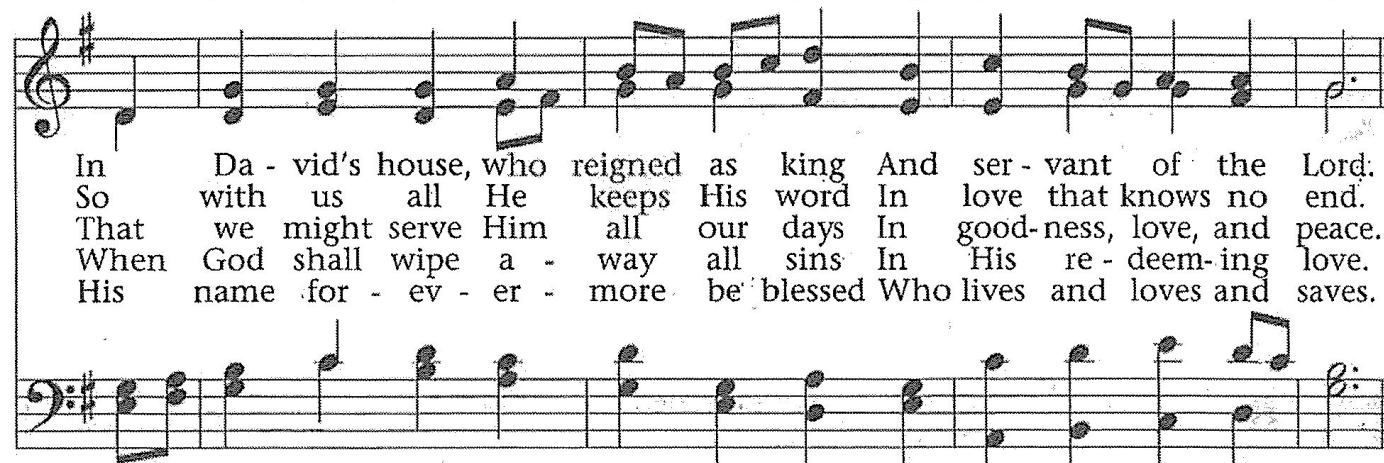
1. Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el, The ev - er - liv - ing Lord,
2. Through ho - ly proph - ets did He speak His word in days of old;
3. Of old He gave His sol - emn oath To Fa - ther A - bra - ham:
4. O ti - ny child your name shall be The proph - et of the Lord;
5. The ris - ing Sun shall shine on us To bring the light of day



Who comes in pow'r to save His own, His peo - ple, Is - ra - el.
That He would save us from our foes And all who bear us ill.
His seed a might - y race should be, And blessed for - ev - er - more.
The way of God you shall pre - pare To make His com - ing known.
To all who sit in dark - est night And shad - ow of the grave.



For Is - ra - el He rais - es up Sal - vation's tow'r on high
To our an - ces - tors did He give His cov - e - nant of love;
He vowed to set His peo - ple free From fear of ev - 'ry foe;
You shall pro - claim to Is - ra - el Sal - vation's dawn - ing day,
Our foot - steps God shall safe - ly guide To walk the ways of peace.



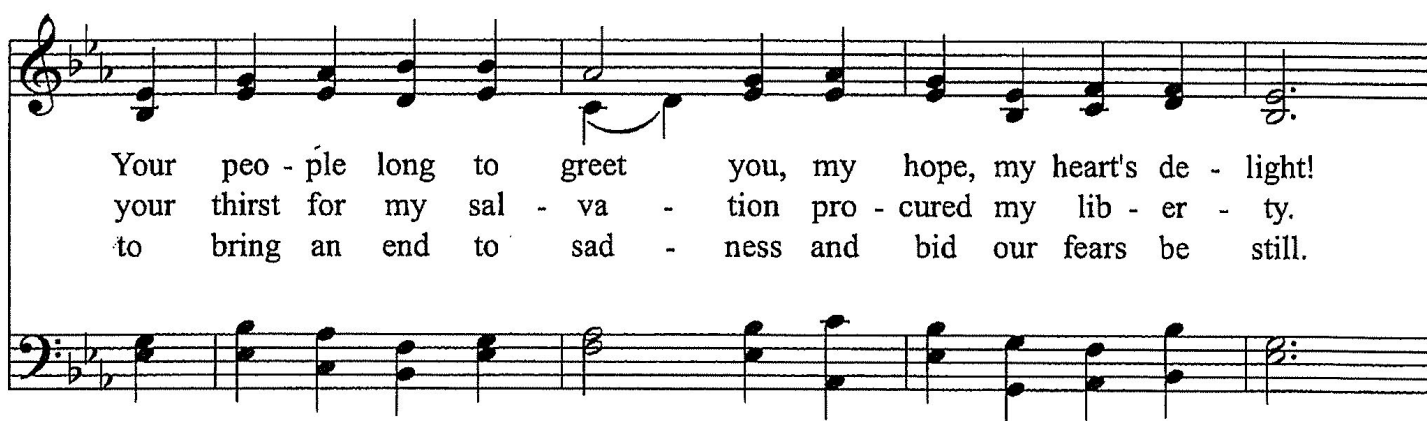
In Da - vid's house, who reigned as king And ser - vant of the Lord.
So with us all He keeps His word In love that knows no end.
That we might serve Him all our days In good - ness, love, and peace.
When God shall wipe a - way all sins In His re - deem - ing love.
His name for - ev - er - more be blessed Who lives and loves and saves.

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

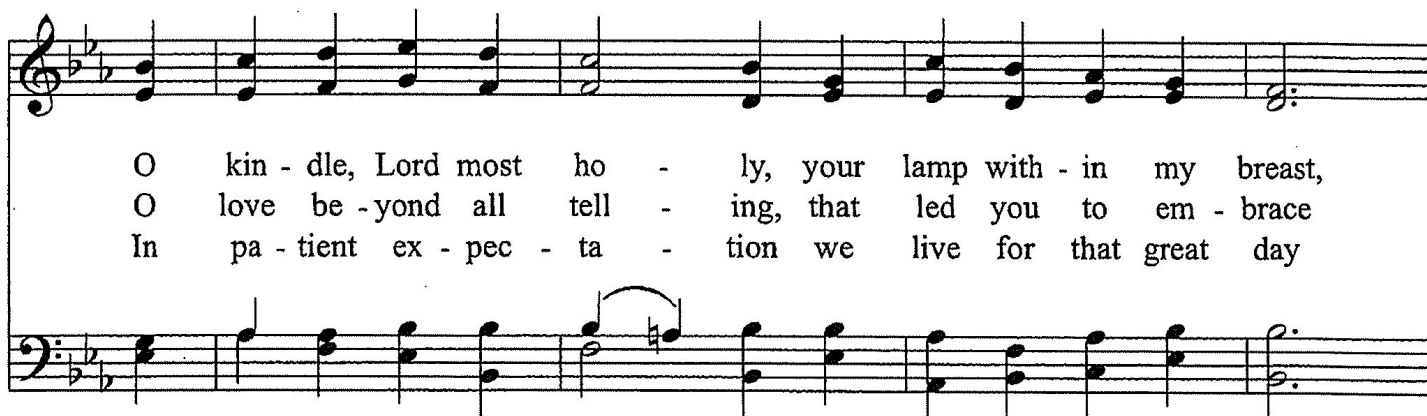
Text by Paul Gerhardt.
Trans. by Catherine Winkworth.
Music by Melchior Teschner.



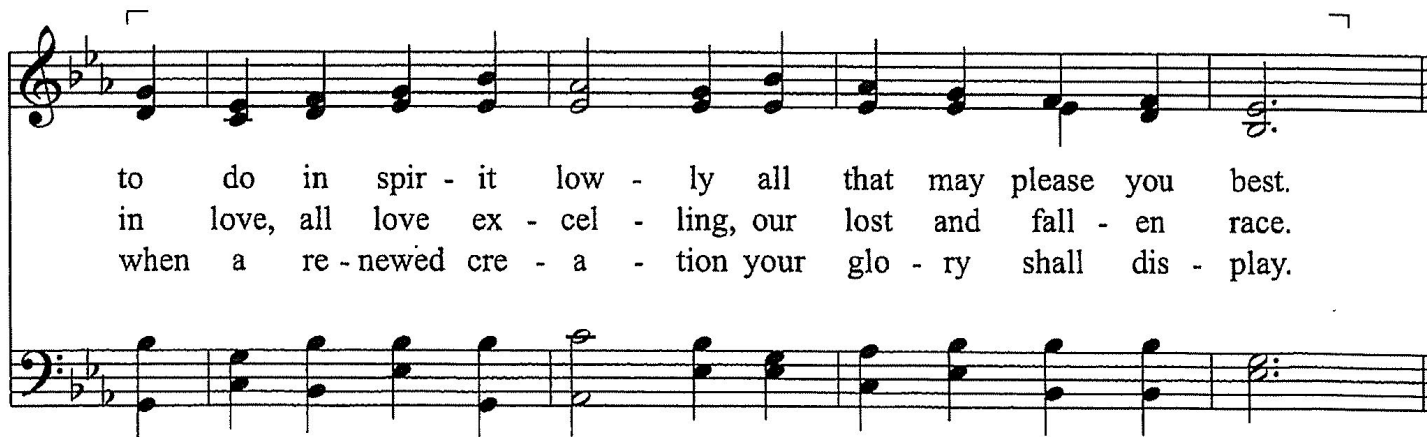
1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, how wel - come you a - right?
2 Love caused your in - car - na - tion; love brought you down to me;
3 You come, O Lord, with glad - ness, in mer - cy and good - will,



Your peo - ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart's de - light!
your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro - cured my lib - er - ty.
to bring an end to sad - ness and bid our fears be still.



O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, your lamp with - in my breast,
O love be - yond all tell - ing, that led you to em - brace
In pa - tient ex - pec - ta - tion we live for that great day



to do in spir - it low - ly all that may please you best.
in love, all love ex - cel - ling, our lost and fall - en race.
when a re - newed cre - a - tion your glo - ry shall dis - play.

Anthem

Come Behold the Wondrous Myst'ry

Words & Music by Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, Michael Bleecker.

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Conductor: Maria Oskar Halim

Verse 1

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Verse 2

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living in His suff'ring
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law in Him we stand

Verse 3

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured love untold

Verse 4

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord He is alive
What a foretaste of deliv'rance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when He comes

Hymn of Response (AM)

Tell Out, My Soul

The Mighty One has done great things for me. Luke 1:49

Unison



1. Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord! Un - num-bered
2. Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of His Name! Make known His
3. Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of His might! Pow'rs and do -
4. Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries of His Word! Firm is His



bles-sings give my spir - it voice; Ten - der to me the
might, the deeds His arm has done; His mer - cy sure, from
min - ions lay their glo - ry by. Proud hearts and stub - born
prom - ise, and His mer - cy sure. Tell out, my soul, the



prom - ise of His Word; In God my Sav - ior shall my heart re - joi - ce.
age to age the same; His ho - ly Name, the Lord, the Might - y One.
wills are put to flight, The hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
great-ness of the Lord To chil - dren's chil - dren and for - ev - er - more!



TEXT: Timothy Dudley-Smith; based on Luke 1:46-55
MUSIC: Walter Greatorex

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Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Words and Music by
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and Michael Bleecker

B E Aadd9 E Bsus B

1. Come be - hold the won-drous mys - t'ry in the dawn - ing of the King; He the
2. Come be - hold the won-drous mys - t'ry He the per - fect Son of Man; In His
3. Come be - hold the won-drous mys - t'ry Christ the Lord u - pon the tree; In the
4. Come be - hold the won-drous mys - t'ry Slain by death the God of life; But no

C#m7 Aadd9 Bsus E

theme of hea-ven's prai - ses Robed in frail hu - ma - ni - ty. In our
liv - ing, in His suf - fer - ing Ne - ver trace nor stain of sin. See the
stead of ru - ined sin - ners Hangs the Lamb in vic - to - ry. See the
grave could e'er re - strain Him Praise the Lord; He is a - live! What a

A E/G# C#m7 Bsus Aadd9

long - ing, in our dark - ness Now the Light of Life has come; Look to
true and bet - ter A - dam Come to save the hell-bound man; Christ the
price of our re - demp - tion See the Fa - ther's plan un - fold; Bring - ing
fore - taste of de - liv - 'rance How un - wa - ver - ing our hope; Christ in

E/B C#m7 A Bsus

Christ, Who con - de - scen - ded Took on flesh to ran - som
great and sure ful - fill - ment Of the law; In Him we
ma - ny sons to glo - ry Grace un - mea - sured, love un -
po - wer re - sur - rec - ted As we will be when He

1.2.3.

E E/G# Ama7 C#m7 Badd4

us.
stand.
told.
comes.

2. Come be-
3. Come be-
4. Come be-

4.

E A E/G# C#m7 BSus

comes. What a fore - taste of de - liv - 'rance How un - wa - ver - ing our

Aadd9 E/B C#m7 rit. A BSus E

hope; Christ in po - wer re - sur - rec - ted As we will be when He comes.

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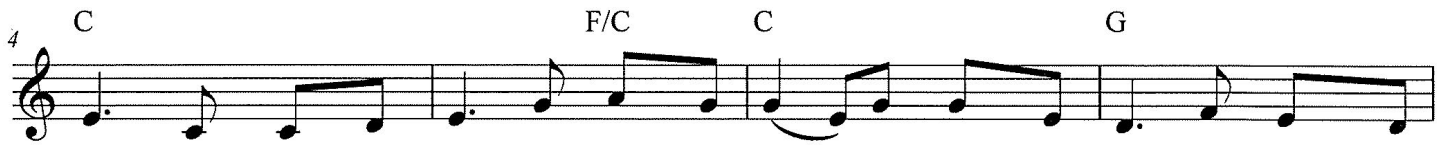
The Love Of God

Verse 3, original Hebrew lyrics by
Meir Ben Isaac Nehorai

Words and Music by
Frederick Martin Lehman



1. The love of God is great - er far than tongue or pen can ev - er
2. When years of time shall pass a - way and earth - ly thrones and king - doms
3. Could we with ink the o - cean fill and were the skies of parch - ment



tell; It goes be - yond the high - est star, and reach - es to the low - est
fall, when men, who here re - fuse to pray, on rocks and hills and moun - tains
made, were ev - 'ry stalk on earth a quill and ev - 'ry man a scribe by



hell; The guilt - y pair, bowed down with care, God gave His Son to
call, God's love so sure shall still en - dure, all mea - sure - less and
trade, To write the love of God a - bove would drain the o - cean



win; His err - ing child He rec - on - ciled, and par - doned from his
strong; Re - deem - ing grace to Ad - am's race— the saints' and an - gels'
dry; Nor could the scroll con - tain the whole, tho' stretched from sky to

CHORUS



sin. O love of God, how rich and pure! How mea - sure - less and strong! It shall for -
song.
sky.

The Love Of God

21

ev - er - more en - dure - The saints' and an - gels' song!

F C C/E G C

Detailed description: This block contains a single line of musical notation on a treble clef staff. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. Above the staff, the lyrics are written with hyphens indicating syllables across notes. Below the staff, five chords are indicated: F, C, C/E, G, and C. The number '21' is written at the beginning of the staff.

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Hymn of Response (PM)

His Mercy Is More

(as published by Love Your Enemies Publishing)

Words and Music by
Matt Papa and Matt Boswell

VERSE

D D/F# G D

1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done? Om -
(2. What) pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam? What
(3. What) rich - es of kind - ness He lav - ished on us. His

3 A Bm G Asus D Em7

ni - scient, all know - ing, He counts not their sum. Thrown in - to a sea with - out
Fa - ther, so ten - der, is call - ing us home? He wel - comes the weak - est, the
blood was the pay - ment; His life was the cost. We stood 'neath a debt we could

TURNAROUND

6 D/F# G D/F# G D/A 1, 2 Asus A6 Asus D D/F#

bot - tom or shore, our sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.
vil - est, the poor. Our sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.
nev - er af - ford. Our sins they are man - y; His

(1, 2)

3

CHORUS

G D A Bm G Asus Asus A6 Asus D G D

11

2. What mer - cy is more. Praise the Lord,
3. What

Bm7 Asus G D Asus A Asus G D

17

His mer - cy is more. Strong - er than dark - ness,

1

A Bm7 G D Asus D

21

new ev - 'ry morn. Our sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more. Praise the

2

Asus D

24

mer - - - cy is more.

How does prayer empower my faith?

Philippians 4:6 calls us to be anxious for nothing, but with prayer and thanksgiving to bring everything to God and God's peace will guard our hearts and minds. Robert Leighton suggests that we are lying to God in prayer if we don't rely on him afterwards. Prayer is thus putting our faith in God.

Paul who knew the secret of contentment in all circumstances, good and bad, assured the Philippians in 4:19, "And my God shall supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus." Paul had learned through prayer to lean on heaven's infinite resources. Andrew Murray explains it this way, "The great thing in prayer is to feel that we are putting our supplications into the bosom of omnipotent love."

Prayer is not just about unlocking the power and provisions of our omnipotent God. It's ultimately about connecting intimately to the God who loves us dearly, gave us His Son, and will withhold nothing from us. It's resting in His bosom.

Mysteriously, by God's doing, prayer joins us to Him, to enjoy the love of the Father, the grace of the Son, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit. In prayer, we are empowered by God the Holy Spirit, grounded in God the Son's merits, thus giving glory to God the Father. Prayer is experiencing God in all His fullness. It's growing into Him, to know, love and trust Him. Prayer empowers our faith.

How then do we pray?

The Lord has taught us in the Lord's Prayer to begin by first acknowledging God as our Heavenly Father. Prayer means running to God as children run to their parents. Prayer is desiring God, entering His presence, and seeking first His will while trusting Him for our basic needs. It's recognising our need for rescue from our fallenness, our sin, and the evil one. Prayer is also learning to love those we can't love and forgive those we can't forgive. Prayer is looking to Christ, our eternal hope and everlasting home.

So begin to pray if you have not. Pray about your prayer life. Cut your time on the internet. Begin here. Use the Lord's prayer as your guide. Pause at each phrase of the Lord's Prayer and allow Him to bring concerns to mind for prayer. Start now. Talk to God where you are, while you travel between places, at meals, when you wake up, when you lie down, and before you make any other appointments. Pray.

Read Matthew 2:1-12

- Why do you think Herod was troubled by the news of Christ's birth? What may trouble or threaten your sense of security and well-being? How does knowing Jesus is God's King make a difference?
- What does the accurate prediction of where Christ was born say about God? How does that help you to trust Him?
- Why do you think the wise men were so happy to find Jesus? What was your response when you first learned about Christ? How have your responses changed over the years?

Prayer Points

- Pray for God to work in the hearts of those who heard the Gospel message during the "iLoveChristmas" event last Saturday.
- Pray for the couples preparing for marriage in the coming months to experience God's leading and provision. Pray for them to set up God-centred homes.
- Pray for members to remember Christ, build relationships, and strengthen family bonds during this Advent season.

MINISTRY THIS WEEK

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Venue</u>
Sun 8	9.00 am	Sunday Worship Service	Sanctuary
	4.00 pm	Chancel Evening Choir Rehearsal	DH A
	6.00 pm	Sunday Worship Service	Sanctuary
Tues 10	8.30 am	Pastoral Staff Prayer Meeting	Online
Wed 11	2.00 pm	Pastoral Staff Meeting	MR1
Thu 12	7.30 pm	Chancel Morning Choir Rehearsal	DH, SHK, SR2, Sanctuary
Sat 14	2.00 pm	Handbells Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	3.00 pm	Combined Lessons & Carols Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	6.00 pm	Lessons & Carols Rehearsal Fellowship	Dunman Hall

DB: Dunman Basement; DH: Dunman Hall; SHK: Su Han Kuen Hall; MR: Meeting Room; SR: Study Room

(1) CHEQUE or CASHIER'S ORDER

Please make this payable to "Orchard Road Presbyterian Church" and mail to: No. 3 Orchard Road Singapore 238825

(2) INTERBANK TRANSFER

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Bank: UOB Bank Account No: 450-312-122-5

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This is **not** a general solicitation of funds from the public.

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(2) in "Comments" box for **Interbank Transfer** or
(3) in "Reference" box for **PayNow**

OUR OFFERING

OFFERING	TARGET <u>01.01.24 - 31.12.24</u>	TARGET TO <u>01.12.2024</u>	RECEIVED TO <u>01.12.2024</u>	YTD SURPLUS/(SHORTFALL)
GENERAL	\$1,800,000.00	\$1,661,538.46	\$1,547,768.13	(\$113,770.33)
MISSIONS	\$250,000.00	\$230,769.23	\$238,838.12	\$8,068.89
TOTAL	\$2,050,000.00	\$1,892,307.69	\$1,786,606.25	(\$105,701.44)

A&A FUNDRAISING

(1) BANK TRANSFER

Bank: UOB Singapore
SWIFT Code: UOVBSGSG
Account Name: Orchard Road Presbyterian Church - A&A Project
Account No.: 773-347-101-1

The Pledge Form may be accessed here <https://bit.ly/ORPCpledge>

Completed Pledge Forms should be sent to aafundraising@orpc.org.sg

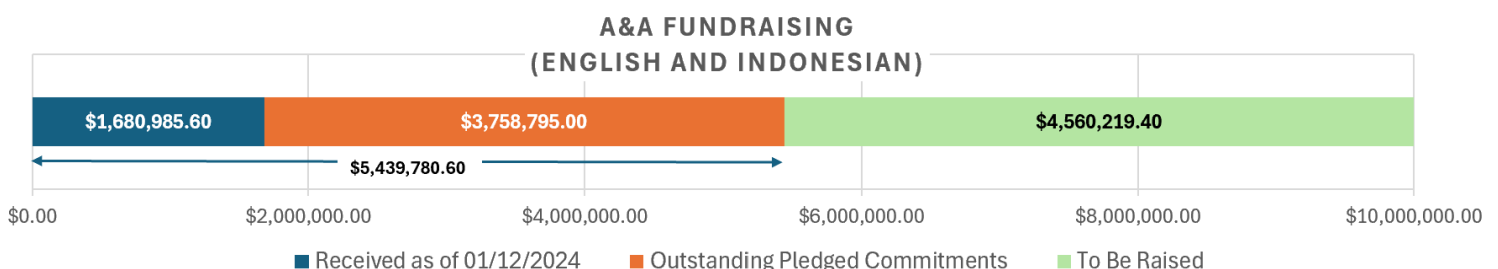
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PREACHING THEMES - SERVICE ROSTER

Sunday Service	8 Dec	15 Dec	22 Dec
Sermon Title	Holy Communion Sunday 2 nd Sunday of Advent	Mission Sunday 3 rd Sunday of Advent	Lessons & Carols 4 th Sunday of Advent
Scripture Reference	The Song of Mary Luke 1:46-56	The Visit of Wise Men Matthew 2:1-12	
Preacher	Pr Herna Kong	Rev Dr Edward Goh	Pr Tan Hui Ru
Worship Leader	Eld Dr Chung Lai Hong <i>Dcn Timothy Song</i>	Dcn Mazmur The <i>Dcn Benjamin Ong</i>	Dcn Debbie Seah <i>Eld Paul Johnson</i>
Scripture Reader	Liza Magkawas <i>Michelle Kho</i>	Joshua Lim <i>Victor Tan</i>	- - Dr Agnes Tan
Music Director	Dr Agnes Tan	Dr Agnes Tan	
Musicians	Dcn Li-Ki Khaw Eunice Tang Michelle C. Shalomita Joel Chua <i>Hannah Leong</i>	Lisa Ong Jabez Selvarajan Sophia Selvarajan <i>Aubert Saragi</i>	
Ushers Team/ Leaders	Team B Jimmy Tan <i>Team F</i> <i>Ang Eng Joo</i>	Team C Kenneth Koh <i>Team H</i> <i>Alicia Yeo</i>	Team G Tan Gek Khim <i>Team D</i> <i>Ivy Ang</i>
Greeters	Pr Ho Wei Liang Dcn Benjamin Goh <i>Pr Tan Hui Ru</i> <i>Eld Paul Johnson</i>	Pr Ho Wei Liang Dcn Gan Keng Swee <i>Pr Ho Wei Liang</i> <i>Eld Paul Johnson</i>	Pr Lim Chung Wei Eld Alvin Ooi <i>Pr Lim Chung Wei</i> <i>Dcn Liow Koh Chuan</i>
AV Duty Roster	Susan Tan Jeremy Lim Marie Tan <i>Geoff Holmes</i> <i>Huang Junxiong</i> <i>Dcn Mazmur The</i>	Elson Chan Juniarto Hadiatmadja Dcn Patrick Chow <i>Davendran Arumugam</i> <i>Nestor Magkawas</i>	Jeremy Lim Jethro Cheung Winduputra Prasetijo <i>Dcn Mazmur The</i> <i>Geoff Holmes</i>

Bold Italics - Evening Service

YOUTH MINISTRY - SERVICE ROSTER

- *Worship in the Sanctuary*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

A&A PROJECT UPDATE

Please see the flyer for an update on the A&A project.

EP ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

As one English Presbytery (EP) family, let us join our hearts in gratitude and wonder for the Advent of our Lord.

From 9 Dec onwards, devotionals written by various EP contributors will be released daily on www.presbyterianexpress.org

RESUMPTION OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ON 29 DEC

Children's Ministry will resume on 29 Dec with a special family worship in Dunman Hall. Parents are invited to join the children in Dunman Hall for the worship service.

PRAY FOR CHRISTMAS EVANGELISTIC SERVICE (25 DEC)

The Christmas Day Service will be an evangelistic service. Please invite family members and friends, and pray for them, that they may come to know the true meaning of Christmas.

EXTENSION OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE RECORDING VIEWING

Sunday worship service recording viewing will be extended until 11:59 pm on Mondays to give worshippers access to the recording.

BE PART OF A DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

Our Discipleship Groups seek to worship, share life, pray, study God's word and serve Christ together. Come alongside us in our daily growth journey through joining a Discipleship Group. Have a look here <https://orpc.sg/ministries/congregation-care/discipleship-group/> Email discipleshipgroups@orpc.org.sg for more information or speak to one of our staff/leaders.

PERSONAL PARTICULARS

If you have changed your personal particulars recently, or you have queries regarding church events/ministries, please email Ping at orpcenglish@orpc.org.sg or contact the church office (Mon to Fri).

FLOWER OFFERING

How Wai Chew & Lye Sim: "With gratitude, we give thanks to God on our 50th wedding anniversary, for His love and bountiful blessings."

STAFF UPDATE

Rev Dr Clive Chin will be on leave 10-24 & 26-31 Dec.

Rev Dr Edward Goh will be on leave 10, 11 (AM), 12 & 13 Dec.

Pr Ho Wei Liang will be on leave 10 - 13 Dec.

Pr Herna Kong will be on leave 10 - 23 Dec.

CHURCH-WIDE EVENTS: DEC 2024 – FEB 2025

Sun 8 Dec	9 am & 6 pm	Second Sunday of Advent
Sun 15 Dec	9 am & 6 pm	Third Sunday of Advent
Tue 17 Dec – Fri 20 Dec		Youth Camp
Sun 22 Dec	9 am & 6 pm	Fourth Sunday of Advent Lessons & Carols
Tue 24 Dec	10 pm 11 pm	Candlelight Service Combined Christmas Eve Communion Service
Wed 25 Dec	10 am	Christmas Day Service
Tue 31 Dec	9 pm	Year-End Service
Sun 5 Jan	9 am	Leadership Dedication & Leaders' Installation
Thu 2 Jan – Sat 4 Jan		Young Adult Camp
Tue 7 Jan	7.30 pm	Congregational Prayer Meeting [Dunman Hall]
Wed 5 Feb	7.30 pm	Congregational Prayer Meeting [Dunman Hall]
Sat 8 Feb	2 pm	Congregational Fellowship LoHei Gathering

Latest updates on ORPC Alteration & Additions (A&A) Project

December 2024

Building a Disciple Making Church
Our Legacy of Faith for Future Generations

1. Confirmation of Off-site Worship and Office Locations

After site visits to various locations around Singapore, the A&A logistics team has confirmed **Suntec Convention Centre** as our off-site venue for worship services during the rebuilding works. Here are more details of the actual locations:

Worship: Suntec Convention Centre, Main Hall, Rooms 308-311

Children's Ministry: Rooms 300, 301, 302

The church office will be located separately from the worship venue, at YWCA Outram, together with Gereja Presbyterian Orchard (GPO), our Indonesian congregation, as well as PPC admin/pastoral offices.

Both arrangements are firm, and are pending finalisation of contracts.

2. A&A Move-out Dates

We will be officially moving out of the church building **2nd week of October 2025**, to avoid the F1 activities in the week prior. Here are some other key milestones which we would like you to be prepared for:

In **June 2025**, our pastoral and admin staff will be making the move to YWCA ahead of the congregation's shift to Suntec Convention Centre in October 2025.

From **July 2025**, the office at YWCA Outram will be fully operational. We will also commence pre-move familiarisation activities including adopting the new off-site worship format which will be fully-electronic. (More details on this are provided in the next section). Discipleship group and fellowship meetings will also be moved offsite with meetings in homes highly encouraged. Music ministry sessions i.e. Choir practice, will be held at YWCA.

3. Key Adjustments in 2025

As we undertake this big move as a united family, we hope that congregation members can continue to support each other through the transition as there will be big changes ahead of us before the actual move, to get everyone ready for the new venue and worship format.

Children's Ministry

- Starting **January 2025**, the Children's Ministry will be re-structured to a 3 room format, providing a longer transition time for our children, and to allow for fine tuning before the actual move
- Safety measures for the children in Suntec are currently being planned and will be introduced gradually
- More details will be given to parents on **29 December 2024** at the Family Worship session

Worship

- At the new venue, Sunday Worship will be fully electronic with no hard copy bulletins and fully electronic giving of tithes and offerings, to minimise logistical and administrative efforts given the separate worship and office off-site venues
- The service will take place in one big hall, with no cry rooms provided for young babies and families. We hope that through this new arrangement, we create greater awareness and understanding toward families with young infants, and learn to worship together in one space
- During our time at the off-site venue, there will be black out Sundays due to large scale events that will involve the whole of Suntec Convention Centre - this means we will not hold physical services and do livestream sessions instead

Communications

- We will be refreshing our church website and launching a church management portal in 2025 so that congregation members have a central place for information as we go through this transition
- We will be activating some official communication channels to keep everyone engaged on the move, and will be updating you soon
- Starting **first half of 2025**, we will be creating engagement forums for the people to interact, receive information and provide feedback throughout the process of the A&A

Moving Out as One Church

- We are 3 congregations and 2 churches, and have been operating autonomously. Moving forward, we need to learn to operate as 1 church before we move out. May this be an opportunity for us to know one another across congregations and churches, and be more united as a result.

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. - 2 Corinthians 9:7

PLEDGE FORM

for the ORPC Building Alterations and Additions (A&A) Project Fund, launched in May 2024



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What is a pledge?

A pledge is a confidential, written promise to give money (whether a one-off sum or installments over a period of time) to the A&A project fund in the future. It is a commitment made in faith in accordance with the resources that God has given us. A pledge is not a legally binding contract, and can be reviewed and changed as circumstances evolve.

Why pledge?

Your pledge enables the A&A committee to plan its finances for the A&A project fund effectively, and to determine the financial commitment we are able to undertake for the entire rebuilding works ahead of time. We hope that through pledging, congregation members will build a culture of giving to the project based on our pre-committed goals.

I/We pledge our support for the A&A Project Fund of Orchard Road Presbyterian Church (ORPC)

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

Congregation: _____

Member of Congregation: Yes No

I/We pledge to give the Church's A&A Project Fund a one-off giving or by regular giving over a period of time or a combination of the two.

Pledge for one-off giving: Amount: \$_____

On the date: _____

Pledge for regular giving: Amount: \$_____ monthly/quarterly/half-yearly (circle one)

Starting the _____ (day) of _____ (month) _____ (year) for _____ months (maximum of 24 months from the commencement date of the fund-raising efforts in Aug 2024)

The A&A Fund Raising Committee will be approaching individuals or groups who are donating SGD\$100,000 and above to discuss your contribution.

Please send in your pledge early so we can plan our finances more effectively. Thank you.

You will find below a QR code for donations to the AA Project, **please input your unique pledge ref no (which will be given in the pledge acknowledgement letter) in the reference field when you make your transfer**, in order to facilitate a seamless process for our finance operations staff.



Personal Data Protection –

By signing on this Form,

1. I consent to the collection, use and disclosure of my personal data by ORPC for purposes of my participation in pledging of funds towards the Church Building Re-development Project. I acknowledge that my personal data may be disclosed to third parties engaged in the organization and hosting of this A&A Project.
2. ORPC will limit the personal data disclosed to the third parties to that which is necessary and will remind the third parties not to process, use, disclose and retain your personal data beyond the purpose for which it is required by the third party.

For Non-Members:

I/We confirm that this Pledge and Donation is our free-will offering and not solicited by Orchard Road Presbyterian Church (ORPC)

Signed: _____

Date: _____

**Thank you for your commitment to contributing to the A&A Project Fund.
Let's build the Lord's house, our legacy of faith together**

Notes:

- This Form can be placed in the Sunday offering box; scanned and emailed to aafundraising@orpc.org.sg; or handed/mailed it to the Church at "Orchard Road Presbyterian Church, No. 3 Orchard Road, Singapore 238825 for the Attention of the Fund Raising Committee"
- This Pledge Form is for use only by members and regular worshippers at Orchard Road Presbyterian Church
- If you need any help completing this Form, please contact any of the Church Leaders

Experience the joy of
Christmas with us at our

Lessons & Carols

22 December 2024
9am & 6pm

*The true light that gives light to everyone
was coming into the world. - John 1:9*



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Christmas
WORSHIP SERVICE

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10 AM

Prepare the way for God's Beloved Son



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HISTORY

The Orchard Road Presbyterian Church (ORPC) was founded in 1856 to minister to the needs of the Scots community in Singapore. The first church building on the present site was completed in 1878, and has been extended several times. In 1975, the sanctuary was extended, and in 1985, the new extension of Dunman Hall was completed and a new chapel was built. Alongside the growth of the physical facilities has been the development of the church from an English-speaking expatriate congregation to a local church embracing four different language congregations. In 1995 we planted a branch church (Bukit Batok Presbyterian Church) which became independent in 2013. Similarly, our Mandarin congregation (Providence Presbyterian Church) became independent in 2005. ORPC consists of the English Congregation and the Indonesian Congregation, and worshipping with us now in the same building are Providence Presbyterian Church, and the German-speaking Protestant Congregation in Singapore.

FAITH AND MEMBERSHIP

As a church with roots in historic Presbyterianism growing out of the Westminster Confession of Faith, we affirm the Lordship of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. We look to the Scriptures as the inspired Word of God and the one authoritative and infallible standard for our faith and practice. We welcome those who profess Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Saviour into our formal membership. Our membership is truly international, representing the breadth of God's call upon people from all ethnic and economic backgrounds. Members are received upon initial profession of faith in Jesus Christ by baptism, confirmation, and in transfer from other Christian churches. Classes for baptism, confirmation, and for transfer of membership are held periodically and announced in the bulletin.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the grave. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.